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Reds Say Defector Was East German 'Criminal'

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The State Department denied yesterday that Lt. Col. Yevgeny Y. Runge was anything other than what it said he was—a former officer of the KGB, the Soviet secret service, who defected to the United States.

The denial was prompted by a story carried by ADN, the official East German news agency, which termed the Runge affair a "large-scale anti-Soviet provocation" set up by the CIA.

The real villain, ADN said, was an "unscrupulous criminal" called Eugen Runge, who fled to West Germany in 1952 and then

returned to East Germany last March.

[In Bonn, a news bulletin of the West German Interior Ministry, published Tuesday, said that more than 100 senior Communist secret service officials have gone over to the West in the past ten years, Reuters reported.

[A Czechoslovak-born resident of Vienna found guilty of joining the CIA has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for espionage, the Czechoslovak Interior Ministry announced in Prague. He was identified as Karl Bejcek, 52.]